Closure of units of NFL

615. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three plants of National Fertilizer Ltd. at Nangal, Panipat and Bhatinda are closed down due to financial crunch following freezing of the company's accounts by CBI and stopping of working capital support by nationalised banks; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Nangal, Panipat and Bhatinda plants of National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) are in production. The bank accounts of NFL have not been frozen and the company continues to avail itself of cash credit facilities from a consortium of banks for meeting its working capital requirements.

The production at the Panipat and Nangal units was temporarily suspended on 17.6.1996 due to non-availability of oil and coal on account of transport bottlenecks and difficulties at the despatching end, coupled with some liquidity problems. The remedial measures undertaken have enabled these plants to resume production.

Merging of Visakhapatnam division with South Central Railway Zone

616. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to merge Visakhapatnam Division with South Central Railway Zone to provide better services for North Coastal Andhra Region; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Projects in M.P.

617. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects in Madhya Pradesh division-wise and the progress made for their completion by June 30, 1996;

(b) whether Government propose to take up any new railway project during the current Financial year and the Eighth Plan Period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) A statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following new projects have been included in the Budget, 1996-97, which is the last year of the Eighth Five Year Plan:—

DOUBLINGS

i. Korba-Saragbundia Patch Doubling

ii. Katni A Cabin — New Katni Junction A Cabin

Statement

(a) The details are as under:—

Name of Projects	Progress upto 30.6.96
New Lines	
Bhopal Division	
1. Guna-Etawah	Guna-Shivpuri, Gwalior-Panihar, Shivpuri-Khajuri and Birlanagar-Nonera completed and opened to traffic.
Ratlam Division	
2. Godhra-Dahod-Indore and Dewas-Maksi	Work on Dewas-Maksi new line, which was earlier frozen, has recently been defrozen. Part work on earth work and minor bridges completed. Work currently in progress on Khajuri-Mohana-Panihar section.
GAUGE CONVERSION	
Ratlam Division	
1. Nimach-Ratlam	Work on bridges is in progress.
Nagpur Division	
2. Parasia-Chhindwara	Work completed. Section opened for goods traffic.

Name of Projects	Progress upto 30.6.96
DOUBLINGS	
Ratlam Division	
1. Bolai-Akodia & Pirumrod-Bercha	Bolai-Akodia-Completed. Pirumrod-Bercha-Minor and major bridges, earthwork and track linking completed.
2. Kalapipal-Phanda	Work frozen.
3. Maksi-Bairagarh	Work which was earlier frozen, has been defrozen in 4 block sections.
Bilaspur Division	
4. Bilaspur-Aklatara Third line	Civil works completed. Work likely to be completed by 30.9.96.
5. Akaltara-Champa Third line	Contracts for earthwork and minor bridges awarded. Akaltara-Naila sub section is likely to be completed. by 31.12.96.
Raipur Division	
6. Urkura-Sarona	Earthwork and bridges have been completed. Raipur-Urkura sub-section is likely to be completed by 31.12.96.

बिहार में विश्वविद्यालयों को मान्यता प्रदान करना

618. **श्री नगेन्द्र नाथ ओझा:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में जयप्रकाश नारायण विश्वविद्यालय, छपरा, वीर कुंवर सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, आरा, भूपेन्द्र नारायण विश्वविद्यालय, मधेपुरा, सिंधु-कानु विश्वविद्यालय, दुमका और आचार्य विनोबा भावे विश्वविद्यालय, हजारीबाग जैसे नए विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा मान्यता प्रदान नहीं की गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन विश्वविद्यालयों को कब तक मान्यता दिए जाने की संभावना है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) और (ख) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार प्रश्न में उल्लिखित पाँच विश्वविद्यालयों का गठन बिहार विधान मण्डल के अधिनियमों द्वारा किया गया है। इन्हें विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम की धारा 2(च) के अंतर्गत अनुरक्षित विश्वविद्यालयों की सूची में शामिल किया गया है और इसके द्वारा ये उपाधियां प्रदान करने के पात्र हैं। तथापि, इन विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम की धारा 12-ख के अंतर्गत निर्मित नियमों के अनुसार केन्द्रीय सहायता प्राप्त करने के योग्य घोषित नहीं किया गया है। निर्धारित शर्तों को पूरा करते ही उन्हें केन्द्रीय सहायता प्राप्त करने के योग्य घोषित कर दिया जाएगा।

Education for all by 2005

619. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister for HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the measures proposed to be taken to meet the target of Education for All by 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): Several measures were proposed to be taken to meet the target of Education for All by 2005. Allocation to Education Sector would be enhanced from the present level of about 3.7% of GDP to 6% by the turn of the century. Primary Education and Adult Education which are principle components for Education for All would continue to be priority areas. Several Schemes and programmes to realise the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education and Adult Education through formal and non-formal education will be continued and strengthened. Innovative programmes such as District Primary Education Programme will also supplement the efforts to achieve Education for All.

Conversion of Mangalore-Hassan Line

620. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work regarding conversion of Mangalore-Hassan metre Gauge line into broad gauge line has been completed; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay and the time by which the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The work of Arasikere-Hassan-Mangalore has been taken up in phases. The first phase between Arasikere and Hassan will be completed this month. The second phase work from Hassan to Mangalore